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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment.

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for determining the amount of an analyte in a fluid sample in the presence of an interfering substance, comprising:
- (a) providing a solid surface dual-coated with a first antibody recognizing said analyte as a free analyte and a second antibody recognizing said interfering substance when bound to said analyte;
 - (b) contacting said dual-coated surface with said fluid sample, whereby said first antibody binds said free analyte and said second antibody binds said interfering substance bound to said analyte; and
 - (c) determining the total amount of said free analyte and said analyte bound to said interfering substance.

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